

## the Edge Climate Action Round Table

On the 20th June 2019 representatives from 25 built and natural environment and other stakeholder organisations met with the Chair of the Committee on Climate Change (CCC), Lord Deben, to discuss the need for action in the face of climate breakdown. The meeting accepted in full the CCC's recommendations in their May 2019 report that the UK must and would be able to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050 and welcomed the Government's announcement that this was shortly to be enshrined in legislation.

The following organisations\* have now agreed to collaborate on an urgent and concerted response to achieving the 2050 target; to continue to work together to establish shared standards and practice; and to continue to develop professional resources, capacity and competencies within the sector capable of meeting that aim both domestically and internationally. The organisations have accepted the invitation of the CCC to co-operate on meeting the UK net zero carbon objectives.

\* British Standards Institution (BSI), Commonwealth Association of Architects, Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE), Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (CIAT), Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB), Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH), Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH), Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE), Construction Products Association (CPA), Forum for the Future, Good Homes Alliance, InnovateUK, Institute of Environmental Management & Assessment (IEMA), Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE), Institution of Structural Engineers, Landscape Institute, Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI), Society for the Environment (SocEnv), the Edge, UK Built Environment Advisory Group, UK Green Building Council (UKGBC), University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership (CISL).



*"That such a wide group of professional institutions and stakeholders came together with such enthusiasm to map out their next steps shows just how seriously they regard the climate emergency and their part in the solution. I look forward to future announcements on how they can best collaborate around a plan for positive action while respecting the very tight timescales we now know is necessary if we are to meet revised carbon budgets."*

Joan Walley – Chair, The Aldersgate Group, and Round Table Chair